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USCG!

4 Aug 2023
233th!

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Letter from President

Greetings from Newport. Your Newport County Council has had a busy summer. After planning for and participating in the commissioning of the U.S. Coast Guard Fast Response Cutter (FRC) Maurice Jester (WPC-1152), held on 2 June 23 at the pier at Fort Adams State Park, we shifted focus to our continuing program of recognition of members of the sea services in our area through the Sailor of the Quarter and schoolhouse graduation events. Additionally, a planning



President
Capt. Rob Winneg, USN
(Ret.)

team was set up to organize and execute a superb picnic at Glen Park in Portsmouth to welcome the international students of the Naval War College and their families. Whoever planned for the weather did a fantastic job as it was spectacular. With the dedicated assistance of numerous Board members, including Board member Mark Turner and his great grilling team from VFW Post 406, we hosted nearly 300 people on Saturday, September 9th. Additional assistance was provided by our local Walmart leadership team, led by Manager Patrick Chan. The students truly enjoyed the afternoon of friendship, food and fun.



On 19 October, our signature event, the annual Military Appreciation Night, was conducted at the Wyndham Newport Hotel in Middletown. This well-attended event will be covered in our 4th Quarter Newsletter. USCG 1st District Commander, Rear Admiral John Mauger, was the keynote speaker. An election was held to elect Council executive officers for the next year.

Looking ahead, we plan on hosting a President's Holiday Social on Tuesday evening, 28 November for Business Associates and Community Affiliates. Naval Station Newport's new Commanding Officer, CAPT Henry Roenke IV, will provide us his view of the station upon taking command and an Update.

The highlight of the past several months was the Commissioning of the U.S. Coast Guard Fast Response Cutter (FRC) Maurice Jester, held on 2 June 23 at the pier at Fort Adams State Park in Newport, RI. Your Council was tasked with planning and raising funds to support the Chairman's Reception for the crew and their families the evening prior to the commissioning, and the post-commissioning reception held the following day after the ceremony.

Thank you for your continued support.
Rob Winneg

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International Events

International Seapower Symposium (ISS)

Dateline: September 22 - The International Seapower Symposium (ISS) was hosted at the U.S. Naval War College by the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Lisa Franchetti. Participants included more than 180 senior officers and civilians from more than 100 countries including many of the senior-most officers from those countries' navies and coast guards. Secretary of the Navy, Carlos Del Toro, U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Caroline Kennedy, and the NWC President, Rear Adm. Peter Garvin were among those who addressed the delegates.

Occurring every 2 years, ISS is unique as it is the only forum in the world that brings together the heads of so many navies at the same time to enhance maritime security and collaborative operations. The CNO's goal is to present wide-ranging platforms for individual thoughts and proposals for enhancing regional and global maritime security for discussions leading to many successful efforts in enhancing cooperation in countering piracy; providing humanitarian aid; disaster relief; coordinating search and rescue missions at sea, and fisheries and pollution violations. Significant joint military operations to manage security threats, countering arms, drug and human trafficking were also discussed.



The guided-missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG 82) arrives at Naval Station Newport

U.S. Navy photo by
 Mass Communication
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National Events

National Navy League Elects its 52nd President

Dateline: June 16 - Christopher Townsend was elected as the 52nd National President of The Navy League of the United States. He wrote his first President's Letter in the July/August issue of the Seapower. In pledging support to and appreciation of the leadership of the Navy League and the Sea Services and their roles on the world stage, he called upon Navy League Members to inspire the next generation to pursue careers in the maritime domain; and exhorted the Navy League to strengthen its Councils across the Globe, growing the organization and its mission with a diverse new group of Members and Leaders, continuing the Navy League mission execution with passion to establish the Navy League as the preeminent maritime support organization in the world.



CDR Christopher
 Townsend, USN (Ret.)

This mission so closely lies with the missions of the Naval War College, and NWC Foundation and Admiral Luce's vision, we do hope President "Towney" will be a regular visitor to the Newport County Council with brilliant new ways to forge ahead with his vision.

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Local Events

Command and Staff College Picnic

Dateline: September 9 - Command Staff College Picnic - Located on an historic farm estate now run by the Town of Portsmouth, Glen Park is a quiet reminder of the pastoral origins of the town. Providing a glimpse into a disappearing rural past by preserving open spaces for family picnics, sporting and outdoor events, the Park is a perfect place for the NCCNLUS to welcome the Naval Command and Staff College and Maritime Security & Governance Staff Course International Programs' attendees and their families to the Island to enjoy a barbecue, sunshine and SOCCER away from the hustle and bustle.

Included in the 300 guests who enjoyed food ably grilled by Members of the VFW POST 104 and who together with NCCNLUS volunteers in the kitchen, prepared and served the over 100 students, from 65 countries attending the NWC, their families, and the Staff and officials from Newport, Middletown, and Portsmouth. Rob Winneg and Len DiLorenzo chaired the NCCNLUS committee with able assistance from Jean Peterson and (Walt Wasowski in abstentia), while Jon Wolstenholme, Mike Slein, Tom Feeney, Pat Burke, Rich Rainer, Noel Hewitt, and Terry Winneg (NCCNLUS President's wife) and Amy Mangold, the wife of Dean Tom Mangold worked hard to make the day a success. Special BZ's to VFW POST 104 Post Senior Vice Commander Mark Turner and wife, Colleen Turner. As always we owe you so many special thanks, Ginny Hanson of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 15, Rhode Island. A grateful note of thanks also to the 5 Sea Cadets who helped with setting up the event.

Portsmouth Town Council VP Len Katzman presented commemorative tiles to the President of the Naval Command College Class 2023, CDR Andrew Mahoney of New Zealand, and the President of the Naval Staff College Class 2023, LCDR Edoardo Luzzi of Italy. Patrick Chan, Manager of Walmart located at 199 Connell Highway along with 4 employees, presented a Check for \$2,500 to the Council.

Mr. Chan and Walmart representatives – GRATEFULLY RECEIVED – THANK YOU!



Walmart representatives and NCCNLUS President Rob Winneg



NCC/NSC/MSGSC Relaxing

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Command and Staff College Picnic (con't)



Glen Park - Portsmouth, Rhode Island. 9 September 2023



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Military Spouses of Newport (MSON) Welcome Social 2023

Dateline: September 14 - We provided take home gift packets which included membership sign-ups as active-duty military as well as spouses can now join Navy League. These were included in the well stocked MSON “swag bags” of local stores and organization promotions, given to each guest.

In my mind this event is the ice-cream cone of Newport good “gouge” for spouses new to town and those new to America. It provides an informal atmosphere for networking and making new friends and learning the local ropes. All overlooking Narragansett Bay at sunset on the most beautiful Navy Base Continental USA!!!

Well-organized, with lots of amazing door-prizes and great food available while looking for good information, the event also showcases those military spouses’ skills who are involved in their own home industries.

If you didn’t join then, join now, their events schedule ranges from the genteel to the robust and is phenomenal for those sponsoring. They are always in need of casseroles, diapers and assistance to young Sea Services families.



BZ's to MSON Exc. Board Mindy, Melissa, Erin, Camille, Kendra; MSON advisors Cheryl, Judy, Emily and Kim. And MSON Committee Chairs Alicia, Ranja, Erin, Hope and Lara.

SWOS/ SWSC Update

Over at SWOS/SWSC, the Division Officer (DIVO) course started on 14 August and will run until December 1st while the Joint Military Training Division (JMTD) course runs from 21 August to 13 October with a graduation on 30 November.

The international officers who attend these courses are always very interested in learning about our area. They stay on Base and as their time is limited, they do not have cars. Fortunately, the Command has been very cooperative with transportation so Navy League Members Anne Huot and Merrilee Zellner have been able to arrange some Off Base activities. We salute their Drivers and Chaperones who are immensely patient.



Countries in DIVO include El Salvador, Indonesia, Lebanon, Mexico, Columbia, Romania, Senegal, and Uruguay. Countries represented in JMTD course are Columbia, Egypt and Jordan.

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SWOS Third Beach Party

Dateline: September 15 - Invited by NLUS Sponsors Merrilee Zellner and Anne Huot, an intrepid crew of warm-climate country officers took the brave step of committing to a Beach-party on Third Beach with tropical storm Ophelia in the offing. High winds were present at the normally calm beach, but the high tide had tamped down the sand. On the plus side - everybody including the town had left the beach open to us. Ready for anything, they arrived, we spread a picnic, ate it deciding plates and manners useless in high winds, played a game of bocce, sliced and ate a scrumptious melon, thanks to our Mexican Officer's skill in efficient slicing and dicing, and then split the Beach in 90 minutes to find warm refuge at Rejects Beer Company on Aquidneck Ave, where we finished our picnic and celebrated a Hurricane Party with locals. A lesson learnt in dressing for New England weather.

Thanks Tim and Dan. And a great team of Bocce Players for a really great time!!!



Combined Classes face the worst



Deserted Third Beach



The SWOS Third Beach Club 2023 Celebrates Survival at Rejects Beer Co. Photo courtesy Merrilee Zellner

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Changes of Command

RADM Pete Garvin USN becomes the 58th President of the Naval War College

Timeline: June 23 - As the 58th President of NWC, RADM Garvin follows in the footsteps of first president and NWC founder, Rear Adm. Steven B. Luce, and is a career patrol and reconnaissance pilot. Graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1989, with merit and a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. Graduating in 2005 he graduated from the National War College, a Master of Science in National Security Strategy secured. In 2015, he became an alumnus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI. Among his previous commands are the "Fighting Tigers" of VP-8, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 10; Navy Recruiting Command; Patrol and Reconnaissance Group; and most recently Naval Education and Training Command in Newport, making this change an easy transition.



U.S. Navy Photo by MC1 Dan Charest
 RADM Chatfield hands over Command to RADM Garvin

CAPT Henry M. Roenke IV assumed his role as Installation Commanding Officer of Naval Station Newport

Timeline: July 28, Newport Officers Club - Captain Henry M. Roenke IV, a very recent (2023) graduate of the United States Naval War College, earned a Masters of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies here. A native of Geneva, New York, his naval career began at the U.S. Naval Academy in 1998, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ocean Engineering, with distinction.



CAPT Roenke addresses his Command

Prior to his duties as Commanding Officer at NAVSTA Newport, CAPT Roenke served as the Deputy Commodore, Submarine Squadron Two and the Commander, Submarine Forces Atlantic Type Commander Representative to Portsmouth Shipyard. From October 2016 to March 2020 he served as the Commanding Officer of Pre-Commissioning Unit Vermont (SSN 792).

Roenke's personal numerous awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards) and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards).

He will be the Guest Speaker at the Newport County Council's President's Holiday Social 2023 on 28 November.

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Graduations

Q3 SWOS/ SWSC Command Graduation - 6 July September 23



Q3 Officer Candidate School Graduations - 14 July, 4 August, 25 August, 15 September and 29 September



Q3 Senior Enlisted Academy Graduations - 4 August, 31 August and 29 September



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US Naval Sea Cadet Corps



Falcon Division, US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, RI



Picture includes Corps, Leaders, Trainers and Staffing. Falcon Division received a ranking of 25th in the nation for 2022 out of 319 Sea Cadet Units nationally.



NCBC Battalion, US Naval Sea Corps, Newport & Quonset, RI



Dateline: August 4 - NCBC Battalion held their 1st Annual Purple Heart Day RUCK-A-THON fundraiser along Rhode Island's Purple Heart Trail in Memoriam of Rhode Island's Purple Heart Medal Recipients.

Both Corps have been actively helping at Navy League events, Boots Across America and other civic and charitable events despite their heavy drill and training sessions. BRAVO ZULU

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The mission of the Military Spouses of Newport, MSON, is to promote friendship, cooperation, and support among military spouses in the Newport area through a range of cultural, charitable, social, and recreational activities. MSON kicked off our year with our annual Welcome Social in September. The event, by far, exceeded our expectations! We were proud to have brought together such a fantastic group of spouses, sponsors, and volunteers. With 158 spouses in attendance that night, we are off to a great year.

With such an amazing start to our year, it will be rewarding to see what we can do to help fellow spouses, their dependents, and the community. Our social engagement calendar is fuller than ever, with 4-9 events a month thus far to encourage everyone to participate. In addition, our service projects, military scholarships, and community grants are in full swing. Our current service project is working with Wreaths Across America to help sponsor wreaths for the Newport area cemeteries, as well as volunteering to place the wreaths come December. Our store, The Ship's Bell, located in the Naval War College, is doing a great job raising funds for military dependent scholarships and community grants. All proceeds from our sales go directly to our scholarships and grants funds. We hope to have a record year with the monies that we can distribute.

To donate wreaths: www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/RI0064

Please help us Remember, Honor, and Teach on December 16, 2023 at 12:00 pm (Wreath Placement Immediately Following Ceremony) by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering, or inviting friends to help

Mindy Evans
President
Military Spouses of Newport

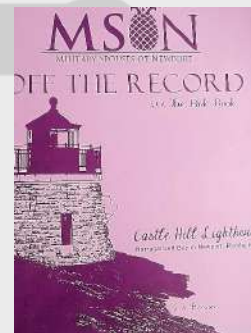


Welcome Social Thank you from MSON and President and Committee Members. Well done!

Off The Record

MSON also publishes a great Resource Manual of most area businesses for military families. Called "Off the Record" aka the Pink Book, it is available on line at the MSON website:

<https://www.milspousenewport.org/> or at the Ship's Bell store



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